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INK-JET RECORDING DEVICE AND COPIER

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. Specification, total pages 47 including:

- a. 6 pages of claims
- b. 1 page(s) Abstract

2. 10 sheets of informal formal drawings (Figs. 1-10)

3. Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (4 total pages)

- a. Newly executed (original)
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- c. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)

4. Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. Incorporation By Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))

8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)

9. Power of Attorney

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10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation, and claims the benefit of priority, of application Serial No. 10/175,181, filed June 19, 2002.--
16. Priority of applications Nos. 2001-188723 and 2002-120163 filed in Japan on June 21, 2001 and April 23, 2002. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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